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OPA Daily Digest – 2/24/16

Upcoming EPA Region 7 Events by Division

New additions noted with an asterisk

RA:

3/8/16 – Missouri Department of Natural Resources Appreciative Inquiry/LEAN Event, Sedalia, Mo.
Contact: Doug Jones

4/11-14/16 – Environmental Council of the States Spring Meeting, Nashville, Tn. Contact Julia Cacho, 7071

DRA:

2/23-24/16 - Joint Regional Administrator/Deputy Regional Administrator Meeting, Seattle, Wash.
Contact: Julia Cacho, 7071

3/16 – 3/17/16 - Executive Management Council Meeting, Washington, DC Contact: Dana Peters, x7444

RA/Immediate Office

6/29-30/16 – Four State Directors Meeting, Lebanon, Mo, Contact: Wendy Lubbe

Other Events

AWMD

2/25/2016 - Participate in Mongolian Ministry of Environment Roundtable held at the EPA Region 7 Office, Lenexa, Kan. Contact: Patricia Reitz, 7674

3/3/16 – Provide updates on the Emergency Planning and Community Right-to-know Act and Risk Management Program to the Kansas Commission on Emergency Planning and Response, Topeka, Kan. Contact: Fatima Ndiaye, 7383

3/4/16 – Missouri Minority and Limited Resource Farmers' Conference 2016, Sikeston, Mo. Contact: Jim Callier, 7646

3/8/16 - 10th Annual Region 7 Radon Stakeholders' Meeting, Nebraska City, Neb. Contacts: Bob Dye/Gina Grier, 7605/7078

3/9/16 – Host and participate in Emergency Planning and Community Right-to-know Act/Risk Management Program Region 7 Stakeholder Meeting, Lenexa Regional Office Contact: Terri Blunk, 7013

3/9/16 - Omaha Air Program Review meeting with Nebraska Department of Environmental Quality, City of Omaha, and EPA, Lincoln, Neb. Contact: Mike Jay, 7460

3/10/16 – Sac & Fox Nation Health & Wellness Fair, Reserve, Kan. Contact: Jim Callier, 7646

3/14/16 – Public meeting for Waterloo Industries Statement of Basis, Waterloo, Iowa. Contact: Dan Gravatt, 7324

3/18/16 – Attend and present updates on the Emergency Planning and Community Right-to-know Act and Risk Management Program to the Missouri State Emergency Response Commission, Jefferson City, Mo. Contact: Terri Blunk, 7013

3/22/2016 – Iowa Public Meeting on the Clean Power Plan, Mason City, Iowa. Contact: Toni Gargas, 7193

3/29/16 – East West Gateway Council of Governments, St. Louis, Mo. Contact: Heather Hamilton, 7039

3/29/16 – Presentation on Risk Management Program inspections and trends at ag ammonia facilities for Kansas Farmers Services Association Insurance & Risk Management Services, Kansas City, Kan.
Contact: Amber Whisnant, 7212

3/30-31/2016 – Present updates on chemical emergency prevention and preparedness at Region 7 Regional Response Team (RRT) meeting, EPA Region 7 Training & Logistics Center, Kansas City, Mo.
Contact: Terri Blunk, 7013

3/31/16 – Workshop for Ozone and PM Advance Communities, EPA Region 7 Office, Lenexa, Kan.
Contact: Lachala Kemp, 7214

4/4-7/16 - Duane Arnold Nuclear Plant exercise dress rehearsal, Cedar Rapids, Iowa. Contact: Chuck Hooper, 7271

5/4/16 – Army Earth Day and Army Environmental Awareness Day 2016, Fort Leavenworth, Kan.
Contact: Jim Callier, 7646

5/5/16 – Booth at American Lung Association's Lung Force Expo, Overland Park, Kan. Contact: Gina Grier, 7605

CNSL

None

ECO

2/27/2016 – Friends of the Kaw, Kansas City, Kan. Contact: Pamela Houston, 7699

3/1/2016 – Friends of the Kaw Adult Training Session, Kansas City, Kan. Contact: Pamela Houston, 7699

3/21/2016 – Friends of the Kaw, STC, Kansas City, Ks. Contact: Pamela Houston, 7699

3/31/2016 – Vapor Intrusion Seminar, St. Louis, Mo. Contact: Pamela Houston, 7699

4/22/2016 – Earth Day Celebration @ Delaware Ridge Elementary, Kansas City, Ks. Contact: Pamela Houston, 7699

4/30/2016 – Friends of the Kaw Community Event at Kaw Point Park, Kansas City, Kan. Contact: Pamela Houston, 7699

4/22/2016 – Earth Day Celebration, Kansas City, Kan. Contact: Pamela Houston, 7699

5/20 & 21/2016 – Friends of the KAW/Float Trip, Kansas City, Ks. Contact: Pamela Houston, 7699

5/21/2016 – Urban Kids Fishing Derby, Kansas City, Ks. Contact: Pamela Houston, 7699

5/21/2016 – Asthma Action Camp Event, Kansas City, Mo. Contact: Pamela Houston, 7699

6/18/2016 – Urban Kids Fishing Derby, Spring Valley Park, Kansas City, Mo. Contact: Pamela Houston, 7699

6/25/2016 – Passport to Good Health, Breidenthal Youth & Family Center, Kansas City, Kan. Contact: Karim Dawani, 7289

ENST

None

PLMG

2/24/16 – FEB Wellness Council Meeting at EPA Regional Office. Contact: Luetta Flournoy, 7653

RA/OPA

None

SUPR

2/23-24/2016 – Stan Walker, Brownfields will be participating in a building block exercise in Wichita, Kan.
Contact: Stan Walker, 7494

*** 2/22-26/16** – LEAN event - Site assessment prioritization for pre-CERCLIS sites - to reduce backlog of KS sites and address worst sites first. Topeka, Kan. Contact: Paul Roemerman, 7694.

3/1-2/16 – Federal Facilities Leadership Council Meeting in New York City, N.Y. Contact: Lynn Juett, x7883

***3/1/16** – Public planning meeting to identify remedial alternatives for the Madison County lead mine sites in Fredericktown, Mo. Contact: Dan Kellerman, 7603

2/29 - 3/1/16 – OSC Annual Health and Safety Refresher training/fit testing at EPA TLC, Kansas City, Mo.

Contact: Ken Buchholz, 7473.

3/30-31/16 - Region 7 RRT Spring Meeting with United States Coast Guard, four states + multiple federal agencies, EPA TLC, Kansas City, Mo. Contact: Ken Buchholz, 7473.

3/1-3/16 - The National Data Team Field Data Management For Emergencies workshop, EPA ERT in Erlanger, Ky. Contact: Tom Mahler, 7416 or Jeff Pritchard, 7772.

3/15-17/16 – The IT Forum Face-to-Face Meeting / role of EOC in data management/review, EPA Region 8, Denver, Co. Contact: Paul Doherty, 7924 or Jeff Prichard, 7772.

***4/26/16** – Technical Advisory Committee quarterly meeting to discuss input to the Little St. Francis River watershed plan regarding the potential impacts from historical mining in the area. Fredericktown, Mo. Contact: Dan Kellerman, 7603

WWPD

2/23-25/16 – Groundwater Protection Council 2016 UIC Conference, Denver, Colo. Contacts: Kurt Hildebrandt, 7413, Ben Meissner, 7992, Dave Garrett, 7159

2/29-3/3/16 – Iowa Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship Region 7 Pesticide Inspectors Workshop, Ames, Iowa. Contact: Jamie Green, 7139

***3/1-2/16** – Kansas Watershed Restoration and Protection Strategy Annual Meeting, Manhattan, Kan. Contact: Steve Schaff, 7447

3/1-2/16 – Iowa Association of Municipal Utilities Advanced H2O Workshop presentation, Ankeny, Iowa. Contacts: Mary Mindrup, 7431, Gabrielle Thompson, 7569

***3/1-3/16** – Missouri Rural Water Association Annual Conference, Branson, Mo. Contact: Neftali Hernandez-Santiago, 7036

***3/2-3/16** – Nebraska Governor's Ag Conference, Kearney, Neb. Contact: Damon Frizzell, 7560

3/7-8/16 – 2nd Biennial Great Plains Low Impact Development Research and Innovation Symposium, Omaha, Neb. Contact: Leah Medley, 7167

***3/21-23/16** – Council of Infrastructure Financing Authorities Conference, Washington, DC. Contact: Glenn Curtis, 7726, Sabre Germano, 7026

***3/22-24/16** – Iowa Water Conference and Iowa Department of Natural Resources Project Coordinator Meeting, Ames, Iowa. Contact: Leah Medley, 7167

3/23/16 – Drinking Water Presentation at Missouri Section, American Water Works Association Joint Annual Meeting, Osage Beach, Mo. Contact: Neftali Hernandez-Santiago, 7036

***3/23-24/16** – Iowa Water Conference, Ames, Iowa. Contacts: John Reyna, 7021, Jeannette Schafer, 7297, Mike Tate, 7773

3/29-31/16 – Annual Review of Nebraska Clean Water SRF and Drinking Water SRF Programs, Lincoln, Neb. Contacts: Nancy Healy, 7713, Chris Simmons, 7237

4/6-9/16 – EPA National Water Program Climate Change Coordinator Meeting, Washington, D.C. Contact: Amy Shields, 7396

Congressional Inquiries:

Sen. Claire McCaskill (Mo.) – 2/17/16 – Phone inquiry: questions about municipal water regulations. Due: 2/19/16. Contact: LaTonya Sanders, 7555 (open)

State Government Inquiries:

Rep. Bill Otto (Mo.) – 2/18/16 – Letter: Questions regarding the community dialog at the West Lake Landfill. Contact: Ben Washburn, 7364 (open)

Press Inquiries:

Undark (MIT publication) – Conor Gearin – 2/16/16 – Questions about the West Lake Landfill. Contact: Ben Washburn, (open)

KMEG Channel 14/KPTH Channel 44, Sioux City, Iowa – Jaclyn Driscoll – 2/18/16 – Questions about possible investigation of hazardous waste contamination beneath parking lot at the Transit Plaza Shopping Center in Sioux City, Iowa. Contact: Chris Whitley, 7394 (closed)

KCPT Public Television, Kansas City – Mike McGraw – 2/19/16 – Follow-up questions about water in the Missouri River. Contact: Chris Whitley, 7394 (open)

The Topeka Capital-Journal – Justin Wingerter – 2/24/16 – Question about timing of today's Leavenworth CWA release. Contact: Angela Brees, (closed)

Leavenworth Times – John Richmeier – 2/24/16 – Question about timing of today's Leavenworth CWA release. Contact: Angela Brees, (closed)

Press Releases:

Link to all R7 press releases: <http://go.usa.gov/Qx5>

EPA, City of Leavenworth, Kan., Reach Settlement on Clean Water Act Violations – 2/24/16 – Contact: Angela Brees, 7940

Fact Sheets:

None

Environmental Stories:

REGIONAL

Who.What.Why – Landfill fire creeps toward buried tons of atomic waste – 2/24/2016

Dawn Chapman doesn't barbeque much anymore. The mother of three is concerned about the rising levels of cancer in Bridgeton, Missouri, and the surrounding suburbs nestled together just north of St. Louis. But the source of the cancer...

LINK: <http://bit.ly/1PZMuWF>

Innovation Trail – Genetically engineered animals could be coming to a plate near you – 2/24/2016

Tucked away in a University of Missouri research building, a family of pigs is kept upright and mostly happy by a handful of researchers. Two new litters recently joined the assembly of pudgy, snorting, pink piglets. While they look like an ordinary collection of pigs one might find...

LINK: <http://bit.ly/1OuE2us>

NewsPressNow – Attorney General candidate vows to clean up Capitol – 2/24/2016

A candidate for Missouri attorney general is pledging to clean up Jefferson City and stop federal overreach. Josh Hawley, a Republican, said if elected, he would end what he calls a "pay for plan" culture among lobbyists and...

LINK: <http://bit.ly/1T6Mc4B>

Neosho Daily News – Partners meet about Elk River – 2/24/2016

More than three dozen members of the Southwest Missouri community gathered last week to discuss strategies for protecting the rivers and streams of the western Ozarks, with a focus on those that drain into the Elk River. The Nature Conservancy convened the...

LINK: <http://bit.ly/1QxRmj1>

The Missourian – Classroom, overlook anchor new headquarters at Big Muddy Wildlife Refuge – 2/24/2016

When Tim Haller shows students how the Big Muddy National Fish and Wildlife Refuge has reconnected the Missouri River to its floodplain, he often uses a mobile exhibit housed in the back of a trailer. A new headquarters for the federal refuge under construction across from Rocheport will soon allow Haller, the refuge's visitor ...

LINK: <http://bit.ly/21fVsHZ>

KWCH 12 – EPA grant could help NE Wichita residents build up community – 2/24/2016

An EPA grant will help pay for consultants to study the area and come up with ideas. On Tuesday, northeast Wichita residents gathered at the Madison Avenue apartment complex to discuss ways to rebuild their neighborhood.

LINK: <http://bit.ly/1T6J1K8>

Colombia Tribune – Crowded out – 2/24/2016

Our forests are an important part of our community and ecosystem. Forests provide wildlife with homes and food, they clean our air, they help reduce noise pollution, and they provide us with renewable resources needed to build and heat our...

LINK: <http://bit.ly/1TzFbaN>

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Fortune – The oil and gas industry pollutes a lot more than we thought – 2/24/2016

The U.S. oil and natural gas industry emits more methane than previously thought, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Administrator Gina McCarthy said on Wednesday as she defended efforts to curb

LINK: <http://for.tn/1KLyeSl>

NOOGA – Source water contaminated? New interactive EPA map will let you know – 2/24/2016

The Environmental Protection Agency recently released an online mapping tool—Drinking Water Mapping Application to Protect Source Waters—to provide the public, water system operators, state programs and federal agencies with information...

LINK: <http://bit.ly/1VF7pzU>

Stuff You Should Know (Podcast) – The future of renewable energy, featuring Bill Gates – 2/24/2016

Renewable energy could be the key to ensuring the future prosperity and health of Planet Earth and humankind. In this very special episode, we sit down and discuss the possibilities with Bill Gates.

LINK: <http://bit.ly/1RnaEuE>

CNBC – Don't need new Supreme Court justice to decide 'war on coal' 2/24/2016

With Washington locked in a fight over whether to wait until next year to fill the seat of the late Supreme Court Justice Antonin Scalia and the likelihood high that the next Justice will ultimately decide the fate of President Obama's climate-change plan, available evidence suggests...

LINK: <http://cnb.cx/1oH7SY9>

E&E Publishing – 20 States ask justices to halt embattled mercury rule – 2/24/2016

On the heels of the Supreme Court freezing one major U.S. EPA rule curbing power plant emissions, state challengers are pushing the justices to block another.

LINK: <http://bit.ly/1oAN5VD>

The Washington times – The EPA's regulatory terrorism – 2/26/2016

By a 5-4 vote, the Supreme Court recently stayed implementation of the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) Clean Power Plan, a set of regulations that would have required the states to come up with plans designed to drastically reduce the use of coal...

LINK: <http://bit.ly/1KK2xcs>

Climate News Network – Scientists calculate our debt to the Earth – 2/24/2016

Perhaps for the first time, scientists have put a direct cash value on the metaphor that conservationists call "natural capital". This is, in effect, the money humans don't have to spend on services that...

LINK: <http://bit.ly/1mXuulz>